

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. Canceled
2. Canceled
3. **(Currently Amended)** The playground assembly according to claim [[2]] 22 wherein the play unit comprises a frame having an elliptic shape and members in the frame which extend parallel to the short axis of the ellipse.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The playground assembly according to claim 3 wherein the frame forms a bow.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The playground assembly according to claim 3 wherein the members are bowed or curved towards either side of the frame.
6. **(Currently Amended)** The playground assembly according to claim [[2]] 22 wherein the connector includes an outer shell; said bushing being contained within the shell.
7. **(Previously Presented)** The playground assembly according to claim 6 wherein the connector includes an inner tube; the inner tube being received within the bushing; the inner tube receiving the mounting shaft of the play unit.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The playground assembly according to claim 6 wherein the bushing comprises a plurality of discrete bushing elements spaced about said ~~shell~~ inner tube.

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12. **(Previously Presented)** The playground assembly of claim 6 wherein the connector is mounted within the post.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The playground assembly of claim 6 wherein the connector is mounted to an outer surface of the post.

14. **(Currently Amended)** Play/exercise equipment for use on a playground or in an exercise facility; the equipment comprising:

at least one play unit adapted to be climbed upon; the play unit comprising a pair of opposed side members, a plurality of cross-members extending between the side members, a first end, a second end opposite the first end, and a mounting shaft extending from at least one end of the play unit;

at least one ground engaging post to which the at least one play unit is mounted such that the play unit extends generally outwardly from the at least one ground engaging post to which it is mounted; said play unit first end being adjacent the at least one ground engaging post and the play unit second end being remote from the ground engaging post the post to which said first end is adjacent; and

a connector for mounting the at least one play unit to the post; the connector comprising means for enabling the play unit to move with a limited and dampened swinging movement about an imaginary axis between said first and second ends of said play unit; said means comprising a rubber bushing which surrounds the play unit mounting shaft; ~~the connector enabling the play unit to move with a limited and dampened swinging movement around an imaginary axis between the opposite ends of the play unit.~~

15. **(Previously Presented)** The equipment of Claim 14 wherein the play unit comprises a bridge.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The equipment of Claim 14 wherein the play unit comprises a ladder.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The equipment of Claim 14 wherein the side members of the ~~frame~~ play unit are curved.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The equipment of Claim 14 wherein the ~~frame~~ cross-members of the play unit are curved in a plane offset from a plane of the ~~frame~~ side members of the play unit.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The equipment of claim 14 wherein the connector includes an outer shell; said bushing being contained within the shell.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The equipment of claim 19 wherein the connector includes an inner tube; the inner tube being received within the bushing; the inner tube receiving the mounting shaft of the play unit.

21. **(Currently Amended)** The equipment of claim 19 wherein the bushing comprises a plurality of discrete bushing elements spaced about said ~~shell~~ inner tube.

22. **(New)** A playground assembly comprising:  
at least one ground engaging post;  
at least one play unit adapted to be climbed upon, the at least one play unit comprising a first end and a second end and a mounting shaft at at least one of said first and second ends; and  
at least one connector which receives the mounting shaft of said at least one play unit to mount the at least one play unit to the at least one ground engaging post such that said at least one play unit extends outwardly from said at least one ground engaging post with said first end of said play unit being proximate said at least one ground engaging post and the second end of said play unit being remote from said ground engaging post to which said first end is mounted; the connector comprising means for enabling the play unit to move with a limited and dampened swinging movement around an imaginary axis between the opposite ends of the play unit; said means comprising a rubber bushing which surrounds the play unit mounting shaft.